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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Report on Scheduling of Middle East Materials

1. Yesterday, 26 September, in view of problems raised by HTAUTOMAT, I met with [redacted] HTAUTOMAT was hurting for a lack of Middle East materials being handled at Wiesbaden and for a lack of prints on the Middle East which had been initially processed at Eastman Kodak. Our discussion resulted in two agreements:

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a. That the responsibility for giving instructions and requesting information on why Middle East materials at Wiesbaden were not being received here lay with HTAUTOMAT and that the role of Operations was to provide the communications link, the scheduling and completion of shipment of materials.

b. That the responsibility for determining whether Eastman Kodak should continue the processing of the Middle East missions until all prints were completed or whether to have the negatives from which prints had not yet been made on the Middle East sent promptly to Washington for selective printing by HTAUTOMAT rested with HTAUTOMAT, community materials having already been accomplished in the form of duplicate positives; and that the role of Operations was as transmitter of such instruction and transporter of the products in so far as HTAUTOMAT's requests did not significantly jeopardize Operations' management relations with Eastman Kodak. Accordingly, I requested [redacted] to provide in writing to Operations his request that Middle East film originally processed by Eastman and on which we understand duplicate positives have been completed be lifted from processing and dispatched to Headquarters soonest whether or not all printing had been completed. It was further to be stated that if subsequently HTAUTOMAT required prints to be made by Eastman Kodak such requirement would have to take its place amidst the priorities of the moment.

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2. It was understood that negatives received on the Middle East from Wiesbaden would be received first in Washington at which HTAUTOMAT would be in a position to make selected LOG-E-TRONIC prints for its current indications support of PARACONT Committee or other requirements prior to forwarding the negatives to Eastman for regular processing and production.

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